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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

VALENTIN SANTOS VICENTE GONZALEZ; VICTORIA DELFINA OXLAJ VICENTE,

Petitioners,

v.

MICHAEL B. MUKASEY, Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 05-73924

Agency Nos. A077-424-872 A077-424-874

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted December 17, 2008**

Before: GOODWIN, WALLACE, and RYMER, Circuit Judges.

Valentin Santos Vicente Gonzalez and Victoria Delfina Oxlaj Vicente, natives and citizens of Guatemala, petition for review of the Board of Immigration

^{*} This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

Appeals' ("BIA") order summarily affirming an Immigration Judge's ("IJ") order denying their application for asylum, withholding of deportation, and protection under Convention Against Torture. We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We deny the petition for review.

After granting four of Petitioners' motions for a continuance, the IJ denied Petitioners' fifth motion for a continuance, and ordered Petitioners deported without adjudicating their claims for relief on the merits. In their brief to this court, Petitioners list the denial of a continuance and an alleged due process violation in their Statement of Issues, but fail to present any supporting argument. Petitioners have thereby abandoned any challenge to the IJ's decision. *See In re Lowenschuss*, 67 F.3d 1394, 1402 (9th Cir. 1995)("An issue not discussed in a brief, although mentioned in the Statement of Issues, is deemed to be waived.").

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.